* NCTE is also according approval to specific proposals of State Governments to train untrained teachers through distance mode.

Recounting and revaluation of answer sheets by CBSE

24. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only recounting of marks, and not revaluation of answer sheets of the candidates appearing in CBSE Board examination is allowed;

(b) whether, for the sake of transparency and as proof of there being no error in the course of evaluation and computation of marks in the answer sheets, data entry and issue of marks cards, etc., certain State School Boards furnish photo copies of the answer sheets to the students after undertaking revaluation at their request;

(c) if so, whether CBSE would also adopt the same practice; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per information furnished by CBSE, there is no provision for revaluation of answer sheets of the candidates appearing in CBSE Board Examinations. CBSE has provided for verification of marks which includes:

(i) Verification to the effect that no answer or part of any answer has remained inadvertently unassessed by the examiner;

(ii) Getting the unmarked answer or portion of it, if any, assessed and result modified accordingly;

(iii) Ascertaining that the supplementary answer sheets; if any, is intact;

(iv) Ensuring that the totaling of the marks awarded is correct;

(v) There is accurate transference of the marks from inside the answer book to the title cover of the answer sheet; and

(vi) The total marks have been correctly transferred from the answer book to the sward list and from the award list to the final compilation of the result.

(b) to (d) In order to ensure that there is no error in the course of evaluation and computation of marks on the answer-sheet, data entry and issue of marks cards, CBSE resorts to extensive supervisory checks and counterchecks during evaluation, result processing and also during verification of marks. It is, therefore, neither desirable nor feasible for revaluation of answer-sheets or to furnish photocopies of the answer-sheets to the students after verification of marks which may be the practice in some other school boards.

Monitoring of textbooks

25. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the schools run by the religious and social institutions contain communal propaganda material;

(b) whether there is any national body to monitor text book materials produced across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) It is known that there are some schools, some of which are run by religious and social institutions, which use textbooks containing material which could provoke communal feelings or thinking.

(b) and (c) A Committee set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) of "Regulatory Mechanisms for Textbooks and Parallel Textbooks taught in schools outside the Government system" has recommended the establishment of a National Textbook Council. The CABE Committee's recommendations are under examination.

Kendriya Vidyalayas

t26. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Kendriya Vidyalayas permitted to be opened by Government during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.